

SOUTH



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Building a 21st Century City
MAYOR STEPHEN J. LUECKE

Letter from the Mayor

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Too often we take things for granted – the blessings of good health, family and friends. For many years we had taken the St. Joseph River for granted, turning our backs on this wonderful asset. But now we have rediscovered its beauty, and its ability to nurture our spirits. The river has become a focal point for development and recreation in South Bend.

That is why I'm especially proud of two recent initiatives which make the St. Joseph River more accessible to our residents today than it has been for generations.

Windows on the River

- This summer crews are reopening several "Windows on the River" to make the vistas enjoyed by our predecessors visible again today. The crews are removing scrub growth at scenic spots along the riverbank. By the end of this month, they will have opened windows at nine locations, clearing a mile of riverbank for better views of the river. To see before and after photos online, visit the city's website: www.SouthBendIN.gov/WindowsOnTheRiver



Riverside Trail

- On July 19th we opened the first segment of Riverside Trail from Angela to Oakwood Boulevard. It is already seeing extensive use. City Plan, our blueprint for South Bend's growth, identified trails like this as a top priority. I have directed staff to complete designs that would extend our riverwalk and trail system along the entire length of the St. Joseph River through South Bend. Phase II of Riverside Trail will be completed next year, extending north to the city limits at Darden Road where it will connect to planned trails in the county. Even before Riverside Trail was officially open, my wife Peg and I took our tandem bicycle for a ride on it. We were greeted by scores of residents – walking, biking, skating, jogging, or relaxing and taking in the natural beauty. Many people have contacted my office to express thanks for this attention to our river. They believe that these initiatives have helped to uncover a hidden treasure and to recover our sense of pride in the wonderful community in which we live.

I encourage you to take time to re-connect with this river that gives our city its name – and so much more.

Sincerely,

Steve
Mayor Steve

THIS MONTH...

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City Celebration - Festival of Flight
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Art Beat: Art in the Heart of South Bend
Festival of Banners

City Celebration
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FESTIVAL OF FLIGHT Saturday, September 29

Join us for a morning of kite flying at Coveleski Stadium, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Learn about kite-making and enjoy the unique kite air show!

Festival of Flight is part of South Bend City Celebration 2007. For more information, please visit SBCityCelebration.com, or call 235-9798 or 235-9951.

CLEAN OUT FOR A GOOD CAUSE

It's time to get things in order and clean out those basements, closets, attics, bookshelves, boxes and cabinets! Solid Waste Management District is collecting used cell phones and *morally appropriate* books for reuse at area nonprofit agencies. Cell phones will be donated to the Women's Shelter for emergency use.

These items will be used by those who need them, rather than being dumped into our landfill. Items may be dropped off at:

- Solid Waste Mgmt. District Office**
621 East Jefferson Blvd., South Bend
Sept. 24-28, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Household Hazardous Waste**
1105 East 5th St., Mishawaka
Sept. 24-29, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

For questions or more information, please call Jessica Spinner at 245-6604.



Visit Our Website at www.SouthBendIN.gov!



TRIAD Prescription Drop

To Protect You, Your Family, and Your Clean Water Supply!

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 19, 7 AM - 6 PM

Safely dispose of expired or obsolete medications, and help keep our water supply clean! TRIAD of St. Joseph County, an organization of seniors and law enforcement officials, will dispose of your unused and obsolete prescriptions in a safe manner. Liquid medications must be in their original bottles, but the labels may be removed for privacy. Pills do not need to be in their original containers.

Help protect the environment - Do not flush old or unused medications down the toilet!

Drop-Off Locations:

- **South Bend:** St. Joseph County Jail Parking Lot, Corner of Sample & Lafayette
- **Mishawaka:** Mishawaka Police Dept., 200 N. Church St.

For questions or more information, please contact Sgt. Randy Peppers at 574/245-6629 or rpeppers@stjoepros.org.



FALL SCHEDULE

September

- 12 ... ZZ Top
- 21 ... Comedian Rodney Carrington
- 28 ... SB Symphony "A Night @ the Oscars"
- 30 ... Comedian Carlos Mencia

October

- 4 SB Symphony "Russian Fanfare"
- 6 MelodicRock.com 10th Anniversary Concert
- 13 ... Loretta Lynn
- 26-27 .. BTL "Cirque Dreams - Jungle Fantasy"
- 31 ... Sammy Hagar

November

- 8 SB Symphony "Beethoven's Fifth"
- 17 ... Comedian George Carlin
- 28 ... Clay Aiken Christmas Concert

New events are always being added, so check MorrisCenter.org for the latest on the *Hottest Tickets in Town*, or call the Morris Box Office at 235-9190.



who come together to enjoy the richly diverse performances and displays, the event represents an opportunity for artists and community to meet in an atmosphere of celebration and camaraderie.

This year the event takes place from **4 to 8:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 6**, and everyone is invited. The community-wide event is free and open to the public.

Now in its fifth year, Art Beat draws more than 500 individual and group artists to be showcased in the surrounding downtown organizations and businesses that work in or support the cultural arts. More than 7,000 people from the area attend Art Beat to see, hear or taste what's happening at each of several venues throughout the event.

The purpose of Art Beat is to showcase the variety of performing, visual and culinary artists in South Bend and its surrounding community. It also creates awareness of the role downtown organizations and businesses play in the artisans' promotion and success. Several venues clustered around businesses in the city's downtown district serve as "scenes," each of which has continuous displays or performances during the course of the evening.

For the best art in the heart of South Bend, be sure to visit the streets of downtown South Bend on **Thursday, Sept. 6, 2007**. And visit www.ArtBeatSouthBend.org any time to find out more about how Art Beat is bringing the cultural arts into the heart of downtown South Bend.

Don't miss Art Beat 2007. It's art in the heart of the city – and so much more!

SBRMA Inaugurates Annual *Festival of Banners*

The South Bend Regional Museum of Art, in association with DTSB and the City of South Bend, presents the Festival of Banners for Art Beat 2007, in celebration of SBRMA's 60th year of fine visual arts and arts education in our area.

This year's theme is "*Live the Arts*," celebrating the life and activity of the local art community in South Bend. 60 banners have been selected from nearly 100 entries from local artists of all ages, to be displayed in the downtown area. Winners in each of three categories (Adult, Teen, and Children) will be announced at Art Beat on September 6th, and all banners will be hung for the event. A brochure will be available during the festival depicting first place winners and a map of the location of each artist's work. Banners will remain on display downtown for two months.

For more information, please contact Jessi Lentych Loyd at 235-9102.

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Art Beat 2007

"A Wealth of Opportunities"

Thursday, Sept. 6, 2007, 4-8:30 p.m.

Why should you come to Art Beat 2007? Because in the words of Debbie Werbrouck, "It really shows the wealth of cultural opportunities that are available in our community."

The artistic director of Patchwork Dance Company says she has returned to the event with her dancers for several years because "Art Beat is a wonderful opportunity for both the artists and the community."

For one evening each September, the streets and sidewalks of South Bend become a living gallery as artists, dancers, musicians, actors, poets and culinary artists display their talents for the community. And to the people